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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, to know You is to love You; to love You is to serve You; and to serve You is life's ultimate joy. Thank You for the privilege of serving You while serving our Nation. May Your joy be expressed in all that we say and do. Replace our grimness with Your grace; our stress with Your strength; our fears with Your love. Instead of carrying our burdens, Lord, may we allow You to carry us. May we think Your thoughts for what is best for our Nation and carry out Your will in all our decisions.

Bless the Senators today. May they be open to receive Your power and to listen both to You and to each other. Make them party to Your Spirit rather than to a party spirit. Unite them in commitment to You and patriotism for our Nation.

This is going to be a great day because we will experience Your greatness; We will be strong in Your strength; We will be hopeful thinkers because of our hope in You. This is the day that You have made; We will rejoice and be glad in You! Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE CRAPO, a Senator from the State of Idaho, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAPO). The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the Senate is about to begin a series of three stacked votes. The first vote is on a cloture motion to proceed to the Transportation appropriations bill, followed by a vote on or in relation to the Bond amendment No. 1621, and the third vote on or in relation to the Robb amendment No. 1583.

Following these votes, the Senate will resume consideration of the pending Hutchison amendment regarding oil royalties. Further amendments and votes are expected throughout the day, with the anticipation of completing action on this bill.

As previously announced, there will be no votes on Friday in observance of the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S.J. RES. 33

Mr. GRASSLEY. I understand there is a resolution at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 33) deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to FALN terrorists.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill goes to the calendar.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to the Transportation appropriations bill:

Trent Lott, Pete V. Domenici, Paul Coverdell, Thad Cochran, Pat Roberts, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, George Voinovich, Ted Stevens, Slade Gorton, William V. Roth, Jr., Bob Smith of New Hampshire, Craig Thomas, Michael Crapo, James Inhofe, and Frank Murkowski.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2084, the Transportation appropriations bill, shall be brought to a close? The yeas and nays are required under the rule. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 264 Leg.]

YEAS—49

Abraham	Coverdell	Gregg
Allard	Craig	Hagel
Ashcroft	DeWine	Hatch
Bennett	Domenici	Helms
Bond	Enzi	Hutchinson
Brownback	Fitzgerald	Hutchison
Bunning	Frist	Inhofe
Burns	Gorton	Jeffords
Campbell	Gramm	Kyl
Cochran	Grams	Lott
Collins	Grassley	Lugar

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